

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING APRIL 3, 2007

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met April 3, 2007, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Arnold.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was a representative from the Grand Island Independent and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Arnold read the notice of the open meeting law.

Consent Agenda – Lancaster made motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accepted and placed on file the minutes of the March 20 meeting
2. 5a Approved Resolution #07-0030 For the stop sign at Abbott Road and 130th Road
3. 5c Set the bid opening date for the 2007 maintenance overlays for May 1, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.
4. 15 Placed on file communications from Regional Planning
5. 16 Approved the bi weekly pay claims
6. 24 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurers' Miscellaneous Receipts
7. 25 Placed on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION OF TERC CASE STRATEGY – Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session regarding the TERC case to protect the public interest. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none

9:05 a.m. executive session

9:20 Humiston made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none. Motion carried.

2b DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLAIM FOR STRAY CALF – Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that it was reported that a stray calf was found and since Hall County is not in a brand area and the calf was pickup and transported and sold for \$532.97. Now it is up to the County Board to pay any claims for the transportation etc. from the proceeds. Alvin Kleeb has submitted a claim and Michelle recommended that the board pay the claim and the remainder of the proceeds will be deposited in the education fund.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to pay the claim from Mr. Kleeb and deposit the remaining dollars in the education fund. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries stated that he appreciated Mr. Kleeb's honesty.

4. CENTRAL PLATT NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT DISCUSSION REGARDING ALDA CRANE VIEWING SITE – Milt Moravek requested to update the board regarding the Alda Crane Viewing site south of Alda. This land was purchased in 1999 or 2000 to off set the land that would be taken from the Hall County Park with the construction of the Wood River Warm Slough Project. and to date this land is still owned by the public. The County was paid \$247,000.00 for the warm slough project and also received 7 acres of land for the crane viewing site. He is proposing to take back the land for \$1.00. Right now the county has to maintain the property and it is an expense to the county.

Jeffries stated that this will be referred to the park and facilities committee.

Wagoner stated that some of the public have questions regarding the Wood River Warm Slough project and he asked Mr. Moravek if he could update the board on this issue. Mr. Moravek stated that this could be addressed.

9:30 a.m. BID OPENING ANNUAL GRAVEL CONTRACT – The following bids were opened:

BIDDER	PROJECT #1	PROJECT #2	PROJECT #3	PROJECT #4	PIT PRICE
LILLY SAND & GRAVEL	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$5.00 YD
CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
CONSOLIDATED CONCETE BID BOND	NO BID	\$43,407.00	NO BID	\$61,506.00	NO BID
HOOKER BROTHER CERTIFIED CHECK	\$51,316.20	\$44,244.90	NO BID	\$63,569.48	\$4.25 TN
BRUNER'S SAND & GRAVEL	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$5.00 YD
ISLAND LANDHANDLERS	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$4.25 TN

Jeffries made a motion and Wagoner seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee to review and come back with a recommendation. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6 PUBLIC HEARING FTA FUNDS FOR HANDI BUS – Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to open the public hearing for the handi bus. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster stated that Lois Steinke and Diane McKoski were present regarding the hearing. This is a request for a replacement bus. Ms. McKoski stated that they put about 12,000 miles per year and Lincoln suggested that they should apply for another bus. She stated that once a bus hits 120,000 miles the maintenance costs go up. The cost of a new bus is \$50,000.00 and the county would have a 20% match. Last year they had the opportunity to replace two buses and in the future they hope to budget to

replace 1 and ½ buses per year in order to keep the fleet up do date. This is public transportation and anyone in the county can request transportation.

Jeffries noted that he knows several people that use the buses and it is a good service. He questioned if services were provided outside of Hall County and expressed concern if the person is not a Hall County resident the other county should provide the service.

Wagoner questioned if there was set route for the rural area and Ms. McKoski stated that it is on a call basis. He also questioned where the maintenance is done and she stated that Dinsdale does all of the maintenance and the buses are stored there. Discussion was held to establish a schedule for the towns outside of Grand Island.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, and Rye all voted yes and Wagoner voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the application for the handi bus. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, and Rye all voted yes and Wagoner voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded.

7 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPACE NEEDS FOR PASSPORT PROCESSING FOR THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT – Eriksen stated that the committee met regarding this issue and the Clerk of the District Court was authorized to hire one person for the passport processing and they were also looking at an alternate space for this office. The committee recommends that the office be located in the Hall County Office Building. There is a room available that would work for a one person office and there are phones and computer lines close. It would require a minimum amount of work.

Eriksen made a motion and Lancaster seconded to locate the passport office in the Hall County Office Building. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster noted that the room will be painted and they will need a counter built and some light fixtures so there will be some minor expenses.

Chairman Arnold called for a break for the public works committee to meet and he will turn the meeting over to Pamela Lancaster the vice chair person.

Returned to session.

8 UPDATE ON DLR RENOVATION PROJECT OF THE SAFETY CENTER/COURTHOUSE ANNEX – Lancaster stated that DLR met with the department heads regarding space needs and they will compile the information and make an assessment where the department would fit in. The engineers have reviewed the infrastructure needs also. DLR will give a presentation to the County Board the first meeting in May, once all of the assessments have been completed.

9 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE BILLS – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka provided the board with information regarding the bills. She noted that LB255 and LB389 have been passed by the legislature but they have not been signed by the Governor. LB502 regarding the increase in the exemption for inheritance tax rates appears that it will be revenue neutral to the counties. LB377 that would have increased the 9th District Court judges had an amendment attached to it regarding the death penalty so it may be in jeopardy and may not go anywhere. The board did not take any action regarding the bills.

Held a Board of Equalization meeting.

BID OPENING ANNUAL GRAVEL CONTRACTS – Casey Sherlock was present. Jeffries stated that the public works committee reviewed the bids and recommended the following:

BIDDER	PROJECT #1	PROJECT #2	PROJECT #3	PROJECT #4	TOTAL
HOOKER BROS	\$51,316.20				\$ 51,316.20
CONSOLIDATED		\$43,407.00		\$61,506.00	
TOTAL ALL BIDS					\$112,822.20

Accepted the following pit prices:

Hooker	\$4.25 ton
Island Landhandlers	\$4.25 ton
Bruner's Sand & Gravel	\$5.00 yard
Lilley Sand & Gravel	\$5.00 yard

Jeffries made a motion and Wagoner seconded to accept the bids as stated. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster Rye and Wagner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. Arnold was absent.

Eriksen noted that the dollars that were budgeted for gravel this year have all been used except for \$1,500.00. County Surveyor Casey Sherlock will come to the board with a plan to address this issue. Casey stated that there will be some reimbursement from FEMA from the ice storm so there will be some revenue.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Vice Chairwoman Lancaster called for board member reports and no one responded.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Vice Chairwoman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business.

Jeffries stated that the public works department has placed weight restriction on Husker Highway until it can be repaired. The city solid waste department was not pleased but because of the condition of the road it was necessary and it is temporary. Once the road dries out the bad spots can be repaired.

Wagon questioned how long this would have to be in place. Casey Sherlock stated that it is temporary and they should be able to make the repairs by the first or middle of May. Once the asphalt plants open they can start the repairs. Wagoner stated that the city should be accountable for the damages.

Lancaster called for any other business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be April 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk